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The Nanosensors & Clean Energy Laboratory focuses on applying nanotechnology to develop nanosensor devices and clean energy solutions for real-world applications. Our multidisciplinary research emphasizes designing nanoscale materials with tunable charge transport for sensors and renewable energy systems. Current focus of our team include PEM fuel cell stack development using mesoporous carbon fiber-based electrocatalyst supports, AEM-based seawater electrolyzers for green hydrogen production, urea electrolyzers for wastewater-to-energy conversion. In the area of sensor technologies, we focus on development of gas sensors for environmental monitoring and breath analysis, and microfluidic electrochemical sensor platforms for water quality monitoring and 3D printed SERS biosensor platforms for cancer diagnosis. The lab is equipped with state-of-the-art facilities for sensor fabrication, calibration, and fuel cell testing. We have also developed large area superhydrophobic self-cleaning for solar panels, extended to large-area applications including glass facades, marine coatings, smart textiles, and tiles. Additionally, our group has pioneered a silver-free front contact metallization strategy using nanoimprint lithography to minimize shadow losses in solar cells, offering sustainable, scalable solutions for next-generation energy technologies.

Educational Profile

• Ph.D. (Chemistry) – IIT Madras

Year of Passing: 2009

Thesis title: "Hybrid Gold Nanoarchitectures for Directed Electron Transport"

M.Sc. (Applied Chemistry)
 Cochin University of Science and Technology, Kerala, 2003

Positions Held

1. Institution: PSG Institute of Advanced Studies, Coimbatore (2009-2017)

Assistant Professor in Nanotechnology: 2009-2013Assistant Professor (Sr. Gr.) in Nanotechnology: 2013-2015Assistant Professor (Sel. Gr.) in Nanotechnology: 2015-2016Associate Professor in Nanotechnology: 2016-2017

2. *Institution*: PSG College of Technology, Coimbatore

Associate Professor in Chemistry : 2017-2019

3. Institution: PSG Institute of Advanced Studies, Coimbatore

Associate Professor in Nanotechnology : 2019-2022 Professor in Nanotechnology : 2022-Till date

Administrative Role:

Head, Department of Chemistry & Nanoscience and Technology, PSGIAS: 2021-Till date





Research Areas

- PEM Fuel Cells
- Green Hydrogen Production
- Self-cleaning coatings for PV and non-PV applications
- Gas sensors and ion selective sensors

Awards & Achievements

- Society for Materials Chemistry (SMC) Bronze Medal-2024 award received at BARC, Mumbai on 5th December, 2024.
- MILIR-2024 Best Scientist award, Rathinam Group of Institutions, Coimbatore 8th March,
 2024
- Best faculty award, BE/BS program, PSG Institute of Advanced Studies, Coimbatore,
 2019.
- Best women faculty award, PSG Institute of Advanced Studies, Coimbatore, *Women's day celebrations*, PSG Institutions, 8th March, **2017**.
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 IIT Madras, 18-20th December, 2014.
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- Qualified Graduate Aptitude Test in Engineering (GATE) in **2003**.





Research Group



Research Scholars (Ongoing)

Ongoing PhD Scholars



Rajesh U P Designation : Research Scholar (JRF)

Area of research : Hydrogel based SERS Biosensors



Divya Sreetha M

Designation : Junior Research Fellow (JRF)

Area of research : Hydrogen gas sensors







Athira Suresh
Designation: Research Scholar (JRF)

Area of research : Superhydrophobic coatings for drag reduction



Athul Pradeep A

Designation : Junior Research Scholar (JRF)

Area of research: Graphene based less-Pt Electrocatalysts for PEM Fuel Cells



Irshad M. K

Designation: Project Assistant

Area of research : AEM based Sea Water Electrolyzer





Navami Sunil

Year of passing: 2025

University: Bharathiar University, Chennai

Title of Thesis: "Non-Invasive, Surface Enhanced Raman Spectroscopy based

Salivary Sensor Platform for Detection of Cancer Biomarkers"

Present Position: Postdoctoral Fellow, Palacky University, Czechia



Dr. A. Mahaboob Batcha Year of passing: 2021

University: Anna University, Chennai

Title of Thesis: "Advanced Micro-Patterned, Narrow Finger Width Front Contact

Metallization Schemes for Silicon Solar Cells"

Present Position: Postdoctoral Fellow, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, USA



Dr. R. Vishnuraj

Year of passing: 2021

University: Bharathiar University, Coimbatore

Title of Thesis: "Unraveling Mechanistic Pathways of Heterojunction Metal

Oxides based NO2 Gas Sensors"

Present Position: Postdoctoral Fellow, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Coimbatore







<u>Dr. Keerthi G. Nair</u> Year of passing: 2021

University: Bharathiar University, Coimbatore

Title of Thesis: "Modulation of Hydrogen Sensing Properties of Carbon Nanofibers

with Bimetallic Pt-nanocatalyst Heterojunctions at Room

Temperature"

Present Position: Assistant Professor, Federal Institute of Science and Technology

(FISAT), Cochin, Kerala



Dr. Shalini Hallan Year of passing: 2021

University : Anna University, Chennai

Title of Thesis: "Bio-Inspired Hierarchical Photonic Nanostructures for Anti

Reflective and Self-Cleaning Applications"

Present Position: Scotland



Dr. V. R. Appu

Year of passing: 2020

University: Bharathiar University, Coimbatore

Thesis title : "Temperature-Independent Oxygen Gas Sensing Properties of

Mixed-Valence Vanadium Oxide based Nanosystems"

Present Position: Post-Doctoral Researcher, Vienna University of Technology,

Austria



Dr. K. K. Karthikeyan Year of passing: 2019

University: Bharathiar University, Coimbatore

Thesis title: "Novel Nanostructured Porous Carbon Based Electrocatalyst Support

Materials for Extended Triple Phase Boundaries in Proton Exchange

Membrane Fuel Cells"

Present Position: Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Duisburg Essen, Germany



Dr. D. Jayaseelan

Year of passing: 2019

University : Anna University, Coimbatore

Thesis title : "Investigation of Room Temperature Magnetic Ordering in

Defect-Engineered TiO₂ Based Diluted Magnetic Oxide

Semiconductors"

Present Position: Post-Doctoral Fellow, SPS, NISER, Odisa



Dr. K. K. Aruna

Year of passing: 2018

University : Bharathiar University, Coimbatore

Thesis Title : "Novel Three Dimensional Nanocarbon Hybrid Networks Modified

with Noble and Non-Noble Electrocatalyst for Efficient Hydrogen

Evolution Reaction"

Present Position: Manager, Matlabs Technologies, Mumbai







<u>Dr. A. Sukhananazerin</u> Year of passing: 2017

University : Bharathiar University, Coimbatore

Thesis Title : "Investigation on Functionality-Dependent Ammonia Gas Sensing

Properties of Carbon Nanotubes for Biomedical Applications"

Present Position: Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Dublin, Ireland



Dr. V. P. Dinesh Year of passing: 2016

University: Bharathiar University, Coimbatore

Thesis Title : "Investigation on structure-property relationship of ZnO@Au

core-shell, heterojunction nanostructures towards realization of

high performance, low temperature NO2 gas sensors"

Present Position: Associate Professor, Dhanalakshmi Srinivasan University

Alumni - M.Phil (Nanoscience & Technology)



Mrs. K. Karthika Year of passing: 2018

University: Bharathiar University, Coimbatore

Thesis Title : Development of Superhydrophobic, Magnetic, Biodegradable

Nanocellulose Sponge for Oil/Water Separation



Mrs. Keerthi G. Nair Year of passing: 2016

University: Bharathiar University, Coimbatore

Thesis Title : "Ultra-long Silver Nanowires Based Conducting Nanoink and

Nanocomposite for Electronics and Sensor Applications"

Alumni – JRFs/Project Assistants



S. Nandagopal
Designation
Area of research

: Junior Research Fellow : Oxygen sensor development



Kamini

Designation : Research Scholar (JRF)

Area of research : Superhydrophobic coatings for solar panels







S. SelvamaniDesignation : Project Assistant

Area of research : Superhydrophobic coatings for solar panels



Gopee Krishnan

Designation : Junior Research Fellow

Area of research : Oxygen sensor development

Funded Projects

Name of sponsoring agency	Title of the project	Total (Rs)	Status		
As Principal Investigator					
Ongoing					
DRDO-CARS	Exploration of Designing Parameters for Development of Robust and Durable Micro/Nanostructured Superomniphobic Fabrics	23.28 Lakhs	Ongoing (2025-2028)		
SERB-CRG	Development of Less-Pt Ternary Alloy Nanoparticles Functionalized Porous Carbon Nanofibers based Flexible Hydrogen Sensor Devices for Safety and Process Control in Hydrogen Technologies	42.35 Lakhs	Ongoing (2024-2027)		
CHT/MoP & NG	Development of Cost-Effective 2.5 kW PEM Fuel Cell Stack based on Less-Pt Bimetallic Electrocatalysts and Mesoporous Carbon support materials	3.86 Cr	Ongoing (2023-2025)		
Completed					
DST-WTI, New Delhi	Development of Portable, Microfluidic NH ₄ ⁺ Ion Selective Electrochemical Sensor Platform based on Functional Nano-TiN Films for Re-Circulating Aquaculture Systems for Sustainable Environment	65.92 lakhs	Completed (2020-2024)		
DST-HFC	Development of Mesoporous TiN@Nitrogen-Doped Carbon Nanostructured Support Materials with Less- Pt Electrocatalysts for Durable and Low-cost PEM Fuel Cells	54.51 lakhs	Completed (2019-2024)		
DST-INSPIRE Fellowship (Mentor)	Non-Invasive Surface Enhanced Raman Spectroscopy (SERS) based Salivary Sensor Platform for Biomarkers Detection	INSPIRE Fellowsh ip	Ongoing (2022-2025)		
ONGC Energy Center	Fabrication of Self-Cleaning Coatings for Preliminary Industrial Evaluations	4.24 Lakhs	Completed (Oct 2023- Dec 2023)		





ONGC Energy	Development of Self-Cleaning Coatings based on	73.75	Completed
Center Trust, New	Super-hydrophobicity for non-PV applications	lakhs	(Sept 2019-
Delhi			Nov 2021)
ONGC Energy	Upscaling the technology and preliminary field trials	54.99	Completed
Center Trust, New	for Self-Cleaning Coatings based on	lakhs	(Sept2019-
Delhi	Superhydrophobicity for Solar Panel applications		April 2021)
ONGC, New Delhi	Development of Self-Cleaning Coatings Based on	99.43	Completed
	Superhydrophobicity for Solar Panel Applications	lakhs	(2016-
			2019)
DST-SERI, New	Fabrication & Characterization of Nanoimprinted	120	Completed
Delhi	High Efficiency Crystalline Silicon Solar Cells	lakhs	(2016-
			2019)
DST-SERB, New	Development of Novel, Single-Step Production of	56.39	Completed
Delhi	Metal Oxide Based Aligned, Electrospun Core-Shell	lakhs	(2016-
	Nanofibers and Quantitative Assessment of Their Gas		2019)
	Sensor Performance		
TVS Motors,	Development of Oxygen Nanosensor for Automotive	9.84	Completed
Hosur	Applications	lakhs	(2016-
			2018)
NPMASS-ADA,	Development of Portable Toxic Gas Sensors Based on	49.19	Completed
Bangalore	Hybrid Metal Nanoparticles-MWCNT Composite	lakhs	(2011-
	Nanofibers for Environmental Monitoring		2014)
IGCAR,	Development of Hybrid Core-Shell Nanoparticles	24.28	Completed
Kalpakkam-	Based Sensor for NO _x gas Detection for Chemical	lakhs	(2010-
PSGCT,	Environment and Safety Applications		2013)
Coimbatore			

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Patents

• US Patent "A Method for Preparing Efficient and Scalable Self-Cleaning Coating" (Joint Patent PSG Institute of Advanced Studies and ONGC Energy Centre Trust, (Granted, Application No. US11884578B2)



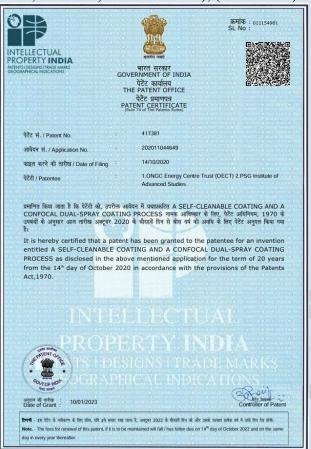
Indian patent on "A Method for Preparing Efficient and Scalable Self-Cleaning Coating"
 (Joint Indian Patent PSG Institute of Advanced Studies and ONGC Energy Centre Trust,
 Granted, Patent No: 484583, Application No. 201911038090).







• Indian patent on "A Self-cleaning Coating Solution and a Confocal Dual-Spray Coating Process" (Joint Indian Patent PSG Institute of Advanced Studies and ONGC Energy Centre Trust, **Granted**, 202011044649), (10.01.2023).



- Indian patent on "Biomass-Derived Label-Free SERS Sensor for Detection of Amyloid Beta Biomarker Detection For Alzheimer's Disease", (Filed, Application no: 202441102075)
- Indian patent on "A Microfluidic Sensor Platform for Trace Level Detection of Ammonium Ions in Water Bodies", (Filed, Application no: 202441100886)

Journal Publications

2025

- 89. Rajesh Unnathpadi, Navami Sunil, Athira Suresh, Athul Pradeep, Irshad M. K, Divya Sreetha Murugan, Ajith Manayil Parambil, **Biji Pullithadathil***, **2025**, Label-Free SERS Detection of Pesticides Using Ag-Functionalized Black Silicon Derived from Recycled Solar Cells (**Under Revision**)
- 88. Gayathri Velusamy, Aleena Unnikrishnan, Dinesh Veeran Ponnuvelu, Selvakumar Rajendran, Sungsu Park, **Biji Pullithadathil***, **2025**, Analysis of Conventional and Enhanced-Biocompatibility ZnO/Ag Heterojunction Nanorod-Based Advanced Root Canal Sealers, *Bioengineering* (https://doi.org/10.3390/bioengineering12090917, **Impact Factor: 3.7**)
- 87. Navami Sunil, Rajesh Unnathpadi, Kottayasamy Seenivasagam Rajkumar, T Abhijith, R Latha, Sheen Shina, K Chandra Devi, **Biji Pullithadathil***, **2025**, 3D-Printed Microfluidic Integrated SERS Salivary Biosensor Utilizing Fe@Ag/Carbon Nanofibers for Advanced Machine Learning-driven Non-Invasive, Label-Free Mass Screening of Lung Cancer, *ACS*





Applied Nano Materials, 8, 31, 15558–15571 (https://doi.org/10.1021/acsanm.5c02523, Impact Factor: 6.14)

Seenivasagam, T Abhijith, R. Latha, Shina Sheen and **Biji Pullithadathil***, **2025**, Development of AI-Derived, Non-Invasive, Label-Free 3D-Printed Microfluidic SERS Biosensor Platform Utilizing Cu@Ag/Carbon Nanofibers for Detection of Salivary Biomarkers in Mass Screening of Oral Cancer, *Journal of Materials Chemistry B*, 13, 3405-3419 (https://doi.org/10.1039/D4TB02766C, **Impact Factor: 6.1**)

- 85. Ramakrishnan Vishnuraj, Thangavelu Kokulnathan, Tzyy-Jiann Wang, Murali Rangarajan, **Biji Pullithadathil, 2025,** Enhanced Electrochemical Detection of Cardio-Selective β-Blocker (Acebutolol) Using Coaxially Electrospun Gold Nanograins/Tin Oxide Nanofiber, *Journal of Alloys and Compounds*, 1014, 178600 (https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jallcom.2025.178600, **Impact factor: 6.2**)
- 84. Mahaboobbatcha Aleem, Ramakrishnan Vishnuraj, **Biji Pullithadathil***, **2025**, Recycled Silicon Solar Cells-Derived Nanostructured p-Black Silicon for High Performance NO₂ Gas Sensor Applications, *RSC Applied Interfaces*, 2, 220-229 (https://doi.org/10.1039/D4LF00299G, **Impact factor: Awaiting**)

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- 83. Navami Sunil, Ashma Shikkandar, Baby Roselin Rajan durai, Rajesh Unnathpadi, Veintramuthu Sankar and **Biji Pullithadathil***, **2024**, Label-Free Surface-Enhanced Raman Spectroscopy Detection Of Amyloid Beta On Silver Nanostructured Substrates For Alzheimer's Diagnosis, *Journal of Biophotonics*, 18(2), e202400314 (**Impact factor: 2.8**)
- 82. Ramakrishnan Vishnuraj, Rajesh Unnathpadi, Murali Rangarajan, **Biji Pullithadathil***, **2024**, Highly Sensitive *n*-In₂O₃@n-WO₃ Heterojunction Nanowires based NO₂ Gas Sensors for Environmental Monitoring, *Microchimica Acta*, 191, 645 (https://doi.org/10.1007/s00604-024-06693-7, **Impact factor: 5.3**)
- 81. Navami Sunil, Rajesh Unnathpadi and **Biji Pullithadathil***, **2024**, Ag Nanoislands Functionalized Hollow Carbon Nano Fibres as Non-Invasive SERS Salivary Biosensor Platform for Salivary Nitrite Detection for Pre-Diagnosis of Oral Cancer, *Analyst*, 149, 4443-4453 (https://doi.org/10.1039/D4AN00641K, **Impact factor: 4.2**)
- 80. Viswanathapuri Karunanithi Premkumar, Ramakrishnan Vishnuraj, Thankaraj Salammal Sheena, Xu Yang, **Biji Pullithadathil**, Chunfang Zhang, Zucheng Wu, **2024**, Influence of ZnO Hexagonal Pyramid Nanostructures for Highly Sensitive and Selective NO₂ Gas Sensor, *Journal of Alloys and Compounds*, 994, 174625 (https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jallcom.2024.174625, **Impact factor: 6.2**)
- 79. Pavithra Ponnusamy, Manoj kumar Panthalingal, Geetha Priyadarshini Badhirappan, **Biji Pullithadathil***, **2024**, Durable Electrocatalyst Support Materials based on N-doped Mesoporous Carbon Nanofibers with Titanium Nitride Overlay Coating for High-Performance PEM Fuel Cells, *ACS Applied Nano Materials*, 7, 5, 4676–4691 (https://doi.org/10.1021/acsanm.3c03997, **Impact factor: 6.140**)
- 78. Thangavelu Kokulnathan, Ramakrishnan Vishnuraj, Tzyy-Jiann Wang, **Biji Pullithadathil**, Murali Rangarajan, Faheem Ahmed, Thamraa Alshahrani, **2024**, Strongly coupled design of zinc oxide-nanorods/copper tin sulphide-nanoflowers nanostructures: An electrochemical study in 4-nitrochlorobenzene detection, *Chemical Engineering Journal*, 479, 147747 (https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cej.2023.147747, **Impact factor: 15.1**)
- 77. Suvarna K. Subrahmanian, Kavya V. Palliyal, Sowmya Balasubramanyan, Rajesh Unnathpadi, Biji Pullithadathil, Binitha N. Narayanan, **2024**, In-situ Green Gram Scale Synthesis of Carbon Sphere/Graphene for High-Performance Supercapacitors, *Nano-Structures & Nano-Objects*, 37, 101107 (https://doi.org/10.1016/j.nanoso.2024.101107, **Impact factor: Awaiting**)





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- 75. Ramakrishnan Vishnuraj, Mahaboobbatcha Aleem, Keerthi G Nair, and **Biji Pullithadathil***, **2023**, 1D Aligned, n-p and n-n type ZnO Heterojunction Nanofibers for NO₂ Sensors: Exploration of Conduction Mechanism using In-situ Impedance Spectroscopy, *Materials Advances*, 4, 3010-3025 (https://doi.org/10.1039/D2MA01095J, **Impact factor: 5.36**)
- 74. Mahaboobbatcha Aleem, Ramakrishnan Vishnuraj, Balachander Krishnan, Anuradha Ashok and **Biji Pullithadathil***, **2023**, Narrow Line Width Ni-Cu-Sn Front Contact Metallization Patterns for Low-Cost High-Efficiency Crystalline Silicon Solar Cells Using Nano-Imprint Lithography, *Energy Technology*, 11(8), 2300090 (https://doi.org/10.1002/ente.202300090, **Impact Factor: 4.149**)
- 73. Mohammad Gholinejad*, Faezeh Khosravi, José, M. Sansano, Ramakrishnan Vishnuraj, **Biji Pullithadathil***, **2023**, Bimetallic AuNi Nanoparticles Supported on Mesoporous MgO as Catalyst for Sonogashira-Hagihara Cross-Coupling Reaction, *Journal of Organometallic Chemistry*, 987–988, 122636 (https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jorganchem.2023.122636, **Impact Factor: 2.345**)
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- 71. Mohammad Gholinejad*, Rahimeh Khezri, Sara Nayeri, Ramakrishnan Vishnuraj, **Biji Pullithadathil***, **2022**, Gold nanoparticles supported on NiO and CuO: The synergistic effect toward enhanced reduction of nitroarenes and A3-coupling reaction, *Molecular Catalysis*, 530, 112601 (https://doi.org/10.1016/j.mcat.2022.112601, **Impact factor: 5.089**).
- 70. Thangavelu Kokulnathan, Ramakrishnan Vishnuraj, Tzyy-Jiann Wang, **Biji Pullithadathil**, Multidimensional nanoarchitectures of TiO₂/Au nanofibers with O-doped C₃N₄ nanosheets for electrochemical detection of nitrofurazone, **2022**, *Applied Surface Science*, 604, 154474 (https://doi.org/10.1016/j.apsusc.2022.154474, **Impact factor: 7.392**).
- 69. Keerthi G. Nair, Ramakrishnan Vishnuraj and **Biji Pullithadathil***, **2022**, Integrated Coaxial Electrospinning for Single-Step Production of 1D Aligned Bimetallic Carbon Fibers@AuNPs-PtNPs/NiNPs-PtNPs Towards H₂ Detection, *Materials Advances*, 3, 443-455 (https://doi.org/10.1039/D1MA00683E, **Impact factor: 5.36**)
- 68. Thangavelu Kokulnathan, Ramakrishnan Vishnuraj, Tzyy-Jiann Wang, **Biji Pullithadathil, 2022**, Tailored Construction of One-Dimensional TiO₂/Au Nanofibers: Validation of an Analytical Assay for Detection of Diphenylamine in Food Samples, *Food Chemistry* 380, 132052 (https://doi.org/10.1016/j.foodchem.2022.132052, **Impact factor: 9.231**)
- 67. Ramakrishnan Vishnuraj, Rajesh Unnathpadi, **Biji Pullithadathil***, **2022**, *p*-Co₃O₄ supported heterojunction Carbon Nanofibers for Ammonia gas sensor applications, *J. Mater. NanoSci.*, 9(1), 61-67 (https://pubs.thesciencein.org/journal/index.php/jmns/article/view/289, **ISSN: 2394-0867**)

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- 65. Shalini Hallan, U. Kamachi Mudali, Nimmi Singh, Sajeev Katti, Peeyush Kumar, Maninder Pal Kaur and **Biji Pullithadathil***, **2021**, Omnidirectional Antireflective Subwavelength *r*-AlOOH Hierarchical Nanostructures with Controlled Graded Index Profile to Enhance Optical Transmission and Self-cleaning Performance, *Langmuir*, 37, 23, 6953–6966 (https://doi.org/10.1021/acs.langmuir.1c00462, **Impact factor: 4.331**)
- 64. Keerthi G Nair, Ramakrishnan Vishnuraj and **Biji Pullithadathil***, **2021**, Highly Sensitive, Flexible H₂ Gas Sensor based on Less-Platinum Bimetallic Ni-Pt nanoparticles Functionalized Carbon Nanofibers, *ACS Applied Electronic Materials*, 3, 4, 1621–1633 (https://doi.org/10.1021/acsaelm.0c01103, **Impact factor: 4.494**).
- 63. Ramakrishnan Vishnuraj, Jayaseelan Dhakshinamoorthy, Keerthi G Nair, Mahaboobbatcha Aleem and **Biji Pullithadathil***, **2021**, MEMS-Compatible, Aligned ZnO@Au Heterojunction Nanofibers using In-situ Coaxial Electrospinning Strategy: Unveiling NO₂ Sensing Mechanism with Operando Photoluminescence Studies, *Materials Advances*, 2, 3000-3013 (https://doi.org/10.1039/D1MA00094B, **Impact factor: 5.36**)
- 62. Vijayasree Haridas, A. Sukhananazerin, **Biji Pullithadathil**, Binitha N. Narayanan, **2021**, Ultrahigh Specific Capacitance of α-Fe₂O₃ Nanorods-Incorporated Defect-Free Graphene Nanolayers, *Energy*, 221, 119743 (https://doi.org/10.1016/j.energy.2020.119743, **Impact factor: 8.857**).

- 61. Jayaseelan Dhakshinamoorthy, Sachin Kumar Srivastava, Durgamadhab Mishra and **Biji Pullithadathil***, **2020**, Unveiling the Interplay between Induced Native Defects and Room Temperature Magnetic Ordering in Titanium Deficient Disordered-TiO₂ Nanoparticles, *Nanotechnology*, 32(9), 095701 (https://doi.org/10.1088/1361-6528/abc57b, **Impact factor: 3.953**).
- 60. Siddhita A. Jadhav, **Pullithadathil Biji**, Manoj Kumar Panthalingal, Murali Krishna C Rajkumar S, Dattatraya S. Joshi, Natarajan Sundaram, **2020**, Development of integrated microfluidic platform coupled with Surface-enhanced Raman Spectroscopy for diagnosis of COVID-19, *Medical Hypotheses*, 110356 (https://doi.org/10.1016/j.mehy.2020.110356, **Impact factor: 4.411**).
- 59. Shalini Hallan, U. Kamachi Mudali, Nimmi Singh, Sajeev Katti, Peeyush Kumar, K. R. Ravi and **Biji Pullithadathil***, **2020**, Superhydrophobic Coatings Based on Pseudoboehmite Nanoflakelets for Sustainable Photovoltaic Energy Production, *ACS Applied Nano Materials*, 3(10), 9899–9911 (https://doi.org/10.1021/acsanm.0c01956, **Impact factor: 6.140**)
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Products/Prototypes Developed

- PEM fuel cell stack
- AEM electrolyzer for sea water electrolysis
- Large area superhydrophobic self-cleaning coatings
- 3D printed SERS biosensor for oral/lung cancer diagnosis
- Gas sensors (H₂, NO₂, NH₃, O₂, Acetone)
- Clinical breath ammonia analyzer
- Microfluidic ammonium ion sensor platform for water quality monitoring
- Silver-less (Ni-Cu-Sn) front-contact metallization pattern for solar cells
- Conducting graphene nanoink





Consultancy Projects

Ongoing

- PDLC coating fabrication and characterization –DNxt Ideas India Pvt. Ltd.
- Graphene-based conductive ink development and characterization Alohatech Ventures Pvt. Ltd.
- Catalytic overlayered sensors for early detection of battery thermal runaways IIT Palakkad-IMPACT

Completed

 Development of Oxygen Nanosensor for Automotive Applications (TVS Motors, Hosur)

Laboratories In-charge

- 1. Nanoscnsors & Clean Energy Laboratory
- 2. Large Area Coatings Laboratory
- 3. Green Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Laboratory
- 4. Multimode Scanning Probe Microscopy Facility
- 5. Confocal Raman Microscopy Facility

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- b. Plenary Talk, Engineering Carbon-Based Electrocatalyst Supports for Enhanced Durability and Performance in PEM Fuel Cells, delivered during *International Conference on Clean Energy and Environment for Sustainable Future (ICEESF-2025)*, held on August 22–23, **2025**, organized by Mar Athanasius College, Kothamangalam, Kerala.
- c. Guest Lecture, Nano-Engineered Surfaces and Interfaces for Clean Energy and Sensor Applications, on 21st February, **2025**, Department of Chemistry, University of Pretoria, South Africa.
- d. Invited Talk, Durable Electrocatalyst Support Materials based on N-doped Mesoporous Carbon Nanofibers for High-Performance PEM Fuel Cells, delivered on 29th January, **2025** during *International Conference on Energy Conversion and Storage (IECS-2025)*, 27-29th January, **2025** organized by IIT Madras.
- e. Invited Talk, Nano-engineered, Large Area Superhydrophobic, Self-cleaning Coatings for Solar Panels, *DAE-BRNS 10th Interdisciplinary Symposium on Materials Chemistry* (*ISMC-2024*) jointly organized by and SMC at BARC, Mumbai during 4-7th December, **2024**.
- f. Invited talk, Advanced Carbon based Electrocatalyst Support Materials for Durable Proton Exchange Membrane Fuel Cells delivered on 24th October **2024** during the Two Weeks *Faculty Development Programme on "Emerging Trends in Electrochemical Energy Storage and Conversion Devices*" conducted during 14th to 25th October 2024 organized by Coimbatore Institute of Technology and Govt College of Technology, Coimbatore.





- g. Invited talk, Advanced Carbon based Electrocatalyst Support Materials for Durable Proton Exchange Membrane Fuel Cells in "International Conference on Advanced Energy Materials for a Sustainable Future (ICAEMS 2024)" organized by Department of Science & Humanities at the Federal Institute of Science and Technology (FISAT), Angamaly, Kochi, Kerala on 23rd August, **2024**.
- h. Invited Talk, Nano-Engineered Surfaces and Interfaces for Sensors and Energy Applications in One Day Thematic Meet on "The Many Faces of Colloids & Interfaces" at Department of Chemistry, IIT Madras on 15th June, **2024**.
- i. Invited talk, Label-Free SERS Salivary Biosensor Platforms based on Electrospun Carbon Nanofibres for Pre-Diagnosis of Lung Cancer, *Asia-Pacific Engineering Healthcare Conclave* at Radisson Blu, Mysore organized by ACS and IISc, Bangalore during January 29-31st, **2024**.
- j. Invited talk, Advanced Carbon Support Materials for Proton Exchange Membrane Fuel Cells, in *IEEE Nanotechnology council sponsored winter school on "Nanotechnology for Sustainable Growth and Development"* organized by Department of Physics Kumaraguru College of Technology, Coimbatore during 8-13th January **2024**
- k. Invited talk, Advanced Carbon based Electrocatalyst Support Materials for Durable Proton Exchange Membrane Fuel Cells in "International Conference on Advanced Materials for Sustainability (ICAMS-2023)" organized by School of Physical Sciences, University of Calicut, 21-23rd December, 2023
- Invited talk, Surface Engineering on Mesoporous Carbon Nanofibers based Electrocatalyst Support Materials for Boosting Durability of PEM Fuel Cells in *Energy* Summit 2023 Organized by Energy Consortium, IIT Madras during 6-8th December, 2023
- m. Invited talk, Towards Clean Energy: Proton Exchange Membrane Fuel Cells in *International Seminar on Advanced Nanomaterials* organized by Department of Chemistry, Little Flower College, Guruvayoor, Kerala on 24th November, **2023**
- n. Invited talk, Advanced Materials for Proton Exchange Membrane Fuel Cells in *National Seminar on "Electrochemistry The Future of Energy Storage"* Fatima Mata National College, Kollam on 17th November, **2023**
- o. Invited talk, on "Nanotechnology-Enabled Chemical Sensors for Sustainable Precision Agriculture" in a National Conference entitled "National Conference on Next Generation Sustainable Technologies for Indian Farmers" organized by School of Agricultural Sciences at Dhanalakshmi Srinivasan University, Tiruchirappalli. on 26th August, **2023**
- p. Guest Lecture on "Surface Enhanced Raman Spectroscopy for Biological Applications" Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering, PSG College of Technology is organizing the AICTE –ISTE sponsored One Week Online Induction/Refresher Programme on 'NANOTECHNOLOGY IN HEALTHCARE' on 11th January 2022.
- q. Resource person in the SERB sponsored work shop on "Ways and means to improve the high quality research proposal" at PSGR Krishnammal College for Women, Peelamedu, Coimbatore and delivered a talk on "Grant writing: Overview and Opportunities" held on 20th December 2021
- r. Resource person for "Professional Certificate Course on "Analytical and Phytochemical techniques" organized by the Bharat Ratna Prof. C N R Rao Research Centre, Avinashilingam Institute for Home Science and Higher education for Women, Coimbatore, and delivered a talk on "Raman Spectroscopy for Nanomaterial Characterization" on September 20th, **2021**.
- s. Resource person for "Nano-Enabled Devices and Products" internship program organized by National Center for Nanoscience and Nanotechnology (NCNSNT),





- Madras University and delivered a talk on "Functional Nanoscale Materials for Gas Sensor Applications" on Jan 7th, **2021**.
- t. Invited talk on "Functional Materials for gas sensing applications" during "International Webinar Series on Advanced Functional Materials 2021" organized by the Department of Chemistry, Zamorin's Guruvayurappan College kozhikode on 26th June, 2021.
- u. Resource person for AICTE sponsored STTP Program titled "Nanomaterials for Clean Energy and Environmental Applications" and delivered a talk on "Recent Advances in Front Contact Grid Metallization for Silicon Solar Cells" organized by Dr. Mahalingam College of Engineering and Technology, Pollachi on 6th November, **2020**
- v. Resource person for AICTE ATAL sponsored FDP Program on "Solar Energy: Technologies and Applications" and delivered a talk on "Advanced Front Contact Grid Metallization for Silicon Solar Cells" organized by Jyothi Engineering College, Trissur on 25th September, 2020
- w. Invited talk on "Durable, Mesoporous Carbon Support Materials for Proton Exchange Membrane Fuel Cells" during 1st International Conference on Frontiers in Chemical Sciences (ICFCS-2020) at Department of Chemistry, Karunya Institute of Technology and Sciences, Coimbatore, March 5th, **2020**.
- x. Guest Lecture on "Bio-inspired Superhydrophobic Surfaces: Natural to Artificial" organized by Department of Chemistry, PSGR Krishnammal College for Women, Coimbatore, 21st February, 2020.
- y. Invited talk on "Functional Nanoscale Materials for Gas Sensor Applications" at "DST-CURIE sponsored National Seminar on "Global Trends in Science and Engineering" organized by Avinashilingam Institute for Home Science and Higher Education for Women, Coimbatore on 20th September, **2019**.
- z. Invited talk on "Smart Functional Materials for Gas Sensor Applications" during One Day National Seminar on "Smart and Functional Materials" organized by Department of Chemistry, PSG College of Arts and Science, Coimbatore on 2nd August, 2019.
- aa. Invited lecture on "Mesoporous Carbon nanofibers based electrocatalyst materials for PEM fuel cells" at TEQIP-III sponsored FDP on "Emerging Trends in Science and Technology (ETSTS-2018) organized by Department of Chemistry, Coimbatore Institute of Technology, Coimbatore on 11th December, **2018**.
- bb. Invited talk on "Recent Advances in Multimode scanning probe microscopy" during two day training programme on "High resolution Transmission Electron Microscopy, Scanning Electron Microscopy and Scanning Probe Microscopy" at PSG Institute of Advanced Studies, Coimbatore on 14th September, **2018**.
- cc. Invited talk, 3rd International Conference on Nanomaterials: Synthesis, Characterization and Applications (ICN 2018), at Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala on 11th May, **2018**.
- dd. Invited talk, "National level Conference on "Biosensors: A Pharmaceutical Perspective" at PSG Pharmacy College, Coimbatore on 28th April, **2018**.
- ee. Invited talk on "Multiwalled carbon Nanotubes based gas sensors for Clinical Breath analysis" during AICTE—QIP Sponsored Short Term Course on "Current Scenario in Nano and Biotechnological Applications (CSNBA)" at Department of Chemical Engineering, Coimbatore Institute of Technology, Coimbatore on 6th April, **2018**.
- ff. Invited talk on "Functional carbon Nanotubes based gas sensors for Clinical Breath analysis" during Post-Centenary Diamond Jubilee—"National Seminar on Recent Trends in Nanobiosensors-2018" at Department of Chemistry, University of Madras on 22nd Feb, **2018**.





- gg. Invited talk on "Multimode scanning probe microscopy-Beyond imaging" during "National Seminar on Emerging Trends in Nanomaterial science and Technology" at Department of Chemistry, SNGS College, Pattambi, Palakkad, Kerala on 20th December, **2017**.
- hh. Invited talk on "Multimode scanning probe microscopy-Beyond imaging" during two day training programme on "High resolution Transmission Electron Microscopy, Scanning Electron Microscopy and Scanning Probe Microscopy" at PSG Institute of Advanced Studies, Coimbatore on 23rd and 24th November **2017**.
- ii. Invited talk on "Nanotechnology-Enabled Gas Sensors for Clinical Breath Analysis Applications", during "AICTE sponsored Quality improvement programme on SMART ADVANCED MATERIALS (SAM)" 14th November, **2017**.

Total Number of Conference Papers/Proceedings: 80+

Professional Body Membership:

- Material Research Society of India (MRSI) Life Member (LMB2040)
- Chemical Research Society of India (CRSI) Life Member (LM 4282)
- Society for Materials Chemistry (SMC India) Life Member (LM-2029)
- Electrochemical Society of India (ECSI) Life Member (LM-485)
- Institute for Smart Structures and Systems (ISSS) Life Member (LM-490)
- Indian Society of Systems for Science and Engineering (ISSE)- Life Member (LM-05480)

Training/Workshops/Conferences organized

- "Two Days Workshop on Prospects for Li-ion Batteries and Emerging Electrochemical Energy Systems" jointly organized by PSG Institute of Advanced Studies, Coimbatore and ECS-IIT Madras Students Chapter during July 29-30th, **2024** (*Convener*).
- One Day Thematic Meet on "The Many Faces of Colloids & Interfaces" for honoring Prof. Archita Patnaik during her superannuation at Dept of Chemistry, IIT Madras on 15th June, 2024 (Convener)
- "International Conference on Advances in Micro/Nanotechnologies for Biological Applications (ICAMB-2015)" organized by PSG Institute of Advanced Studies, Coimbatore during 7-8th August, **2015** (*Convener*).
- "Two Day Workshop on High resolution Transmission Electron Microscopy, Scanning Electron Microscopy and Scanning Probe Microscopy" organized by PSG Institute of Advanced Studies, Coimbatore during 15-16th December, **2016**. (*Joint Organizing secretary*).
- "Two Day Workshop on Scanning Probe Microscopy and High Resolution Transmission Electron Microscopy" organized by PSG Institute of Advanced Studies, Coimbatore during 23-24th January, **2015**. (*Joint Organizing secretary*).
- "Two Day Awareness training programme on Scanning Probe Microscopy and High Resolution Transmission Electron Microscopy" organized by PSG Institute of Advanced Studies, Coimbatore during 25-26th February, **2011** (*Organizing secretary*).
- "High resolution Transmission Electron Microscopy, Scanning Electron Microscopy and Scanning Probe Microscopy" organized by PSG College of Technology, PSG Institute of Advanced Studies and PSG-STEP, Coimbatore during 13-14th September, **2018**. (*Joint Convener*).





• "One day Sensitizing Programme on Multimode Scanning Probe Microscopy" organized by PSG Institute of Advanced Studies, Coimbatore on 9th March, **2019** (Organizing secretary).

Hands on Training/Workshops

- Selected candidate from Indian Institute of Technology Madras, by the Indo-France exchange program for participating in the Nanotechnology hands on training program "European School on Nanosciences and Nanotechnologies (ESSON-2007)" organized by University of Joseph Fourier and INPG, conducted in Grenoble, France from August 26th to September 15th, 2007
- Undergone hands on training workshop "*INUP Hands on Training on Nanofabrication Technologies*" organized by Indian Nanoelectronics Users Program (INUP) at Center of Excellence for Nanoelectronics, **IISc, Bangalore** from 15th-24th April **2010.**
- Nominated and participated in "Brain Storming Workshop on Sensors and Related Technologies for Sustainable Agriculture" jointly organized by Office of Principal Scientific Adviser to GoI and Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR) at NASC Complex, ICAR, New Delhi on 18th September, 2014.

Teaching courses handled

• BE/BS Mechanical Engg. (PSGIAS) Course:

Fundamentals of Physical Chemistry (BE/BS Mech, 1st Sem)

Chemistry of Engineering Materials (BE/BS Mech, 2nd Sem)

Chemistry Laboratory-I (B.Tech Biomed, 1st Sem)

Chemistry Laboratory-II (B. Tech Biomed, 2nd Sem)

Chemistry Laboratory-II (BE/BS Mech/Mechatronics)

Chemistry Laboratory-II (BE/BS CSE/Innovative Textiles, 2nd Sem)

- MS Material Science & Engineering (PSGIAS): Synthesis of Nanomaterials
- M.Tech Nanotechnology (PSG College of Technology, Dept of ECE.): Nanosensors and Devices
- M.Sc. Applied Chemistry (PSG College of Technology, Dept of Chemistry):

Physical Chemistry – I (Core)

Applications of Nanotechnology (Elective)

M.Tech/ME/M.Sc. Projects: 40

B.Tech/BE/B.Sc projects supervised:15